

REMARKS

Currently, claims 1-21 are pending. Claims 22-47 have been canceled. All claim cancellations are made without prejudice or disclaimer.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under the doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting in view of US Patent No. 7,297,501. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer, thereby mooting the rejection.

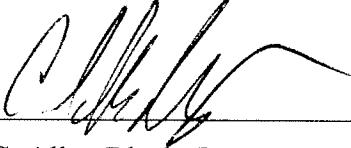
Claim Rejections under 35 USC 102(e) and 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 22-32 and 37-41 were rejected under either 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated or 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious. Without acceding to the rejections, Applicants have cancelled claims 22-47 in order to expedite prosecution. As such, the rejections are mooted.

CONCLUSION

In light of the remarks above, it is believed that pending claims 1-21 are in condition for final allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested. Although the Applicant believes no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. 50-0436 for any fees that may be due in connection with this response. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned.

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